

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

“At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality”



Dr. Carter G. Woodson realized the importance of providing a theme that would focus the attention of the public when he established Negro History week in 1926. The ASALH dedicates the [2013 Annual Black History Theme](#) to celebrating the anniversary of two important African American turning points - the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation and the 1963 March on Washington.

The Emancipation Proclamation

The [Emancipation Proclamation](#), decreed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1st, 1863, declared slaves in all confederate states then at war with the Union "forever free" and made them eligible for paid military service in the Union Army. Although it did not end slavery in the nation, it did transform the character of the war. After the proclamation was made, every advance of Federal troops expanded the domain of freedom and black men were allowed to serve in the Union Army and Navy. By the end of the war almost 200,000 black soldiers and sailors had fought for freedom.

The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

The [March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom](#) took place on August 28th, 1963 in Washington D.C. More than 200,000 demonstrators took part in the walk. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "[I Have a Dream](#)" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, noting that the Emancipation Proclamation gave hope to black slaves. The following year Congress passed the [Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) as a concrete step towards fulfilling the promise of the Emancipation Proclamation.



"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

.....Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY JANUARY 21, 2013

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a United States federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, around the time of King's birthday, January 15. This year, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service will be recognized Jan. 21, 2013. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. He was assassinated in 1968.

President Clinton signed the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday and Service Act August 23, 1994, expanding the mission of the holiday as a day of community service, interracial cooperation and youth anti-violence initiatives.

The national recurring theme of this holiday is ***"Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On...Not A Day Off."*** It calls upon the American people to engage in public service and promote nonviolent social change. Dr. King's unfinished movement toward equality can be achieved by our united, enduring efforts.

WEBSITES/ADDITIONAL LINKS*

<http://mlkday.gov/>
<http://asah.org/index.html>
www.deomi.org
<http://video.pbs.org/video/2176766758>

Upcoming Event "Profiles in Courage"

Become inspired by two who have faced life's challenges with tenacity and courage. They serve as role models and are an inspiration for all people. They remind us what courage means and the rewards of staying the course.

Who: Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. (Ret) Hiram Mann, WWII P-51 Fighter Pilot & Nathan Thomas, participant, Birmingham Civil Rights March 1963

When: Monday, Feb. 11, 2013
4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: Metropolitan State University
Saint Paul Campus, Great Hall

RSVP: Steve Campos, 651-252-7205/spcampos@q.com

Light food & refreshments provided--- free, open to public

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
HOLIDAY

EVERBODY
can be
great.
Because
ANYBODY
can
SERVE.
You only
need a
HEART
full of
A grace.
SOUL
generated
by LOVE.

REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!

What is the MLK Day of Service?

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" . . . Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The MLK Day of Service is a part of **United We Serve**, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.

What can you do?

Volunteer . . .

Help a neighbor . . .

Help a friend in need . . .

Community Service Projects . . .

Tutor a child . . .

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